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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT

In re application of: Ake LIGNELL

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For: Treatment of dyspepsia

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Examiner: S.D. Coe

AMENDMENT

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 21, 2002, the period for a response to which is set to expire on January 21, 2003. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the below claims as follows:

8. (Amended) A method of prophylactic and/or therapeutic treatment of dyspepsia in an individual, which comprises administration to said individual of an dyspepsia-alleviating amount of a medicament comprising as an active ingredient at least one type of xanthophyll.

9. (Amended) The method according to claim 8, wherein the xanthophyll is astaxanthin.

10. (Amended) The method according to claim 9, wherein the astaxanthin is in a form esterified with fatty acids.